

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-31 were pending at the time of the Request for Continued Examination. Claims 1-31 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 6, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, and 27 have been amended. Care has been exercised not to introduce new matter. Claims 1-31 are currently pending for examination, of which claims 1, 18, and 24 are independent.

The amendments reflected herein are relative to the claim listing submitted with the Request for Continued Examination.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application should be allowed and the case passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

Applicant believes that no fees are due in association with the filing of this response. Should the Commissioner deem that any fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefore, and directs that any additional fees be charged to McDermott Will & Emery's Deposit Account No. 500417, Order Number 086108-0341.

Respectfully submitted,

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